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Colvin Run Mill Offers Family Fun Close In

With the warm weather's arrival, it's time for adventures with the entire family. How about a bit of history and lots of fun? You can find it at Colvin Run Mill in Great Falls, VA just five miles west of Tyson's Corner. It's gas tank friendly and a terrific site for learning about a different kind of go power -- water power!

Colvin Run Mills is located at 10017 Colvin Run Road. Nestled between Tyson's Corner and Reston, Colvin Run Mill is an early 19th century operating gristmill. The old Miller's House features an exhibit about the process of milling and the families who operated the mill. Exhibits in the renovated 20th-century dairy barn features the history of the Great Falls community around the mill and grains around the world.

Restored in 1972, Colvin Run Mill is an award-winning restoration and a Virginia landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It offers daily tours, educational programs, special events, and outdoor concerts. The mill operates on a regular basis. You can picnic on the grounds, feed the ducks, and learn about America's technological roots. Also on the grounds is the Colvin Run General Store. It originally served the local community and continues to function today as a sales shop offering penny candy, freshly ground cornmeal, grits and wheat flour, and an array of old-fashioned goods.

Colvin Run Mill is now open from 11 am to 5 pm every day except Tuesdays, when the site is closed. Tours are offered on the hours with the last tour at 4 p.m. Tour cost: \$6 for adults, \$5 for students ages 16 and up with ID, \$4 for children and seniors. (These prices reflect recent fee increases.) Admittance to the park is free except for some special events.

Directions: Beltway Exit 47A (Leesburg Pike, Rt. 7) to right on Colvin Run Road. Left turn into paved parking lot 500 feet beyond gravel drive to mill. For information call 703-759-2771.

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